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1. The Bulgarian Minister of Electrification has now made definite arrangements with Hungary for the latter country to supply Bulgaria, on a compensation basis, with four powerful transformers, fifty irrigation and drainage plants, and a number of generators for the Bulgarian power stations. All this equipment is to be delivered during the second half of 1948, during 1949 and during the first half of 1950.
2. On 6 June 1948, there was scheduled to take place at Bucharest a technical conference between Bulgarian and Romanian delegates who were to put the final touches to the agreement regarding the construction of a high tension electric cable linking Rumania with Bulgaria. They were also to speed up the work already in hand for linking up the electric power stations of Bucharest with the transformer station at Ruse in Bulgaria. This work the Bulgarian Council of Ministers is anxious to complete by the end of 1948, or, at the latest, in the first few months of 1949.
3. The Bulgarians are also planning to replace some of the turbines and other machinery and accessories of the now old electric power station of "Vacha" in southern Bulgaria, with a view to modernizing it and increasing its power; for this purpose a considerable number of Soviet specialists have been engaged.
4. Soviet engineers and specialists, together with Bulgarian engineers, will also supervise the installation of the electric power plants ordered in Hungary. In general, Soviet specialists are to be used on a large scale for the electrification and irrigation of Bulgaria.

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